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SUBJ: GUATEMALA-BELIZE DISPUTE

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1. EMBOFFS CALLED ON DIRECTOR BELIZE AFFAIRS, FONOFF (SANCHEZ) AUGUST 28. SANCHEZ SAID GOG HAS HARD INFORMATION THAT BELIZE WILL ASK ONE OF ITS CARIBBEAN FRIENDS TO INTRODUCE UNGA RESOLUTUION DECLARING THAT BELIZE IS READY FOR INDEPENDENCE AND CALLING ON UK TO GRANT IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE (CONFIRMING PARA 6 REFTEL). GOB HAD SENT ROGERS AND SHOMAN TO LIMA TO CAMPAIGN FOR NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION. GUATEMALA HAD ACCORDINGLY SENT LUIS AYCINENA, THIRD-RANKING FONOFF OFFICIAL, TO LIMA TO REPRESENT GUATEMALAN INTERESTS.

2. SANCHEZ SAID HE HOPES BELIZE WILL MODIFY ITS POSITION BECAUSE GUATEMALA WILL BE FORCED TO RESPOND TO ANY STATEMENTS MADE AT UN AND EVERY TIME GUATEMALA REASSERTS ITS FULL CLAIM THIS HARDENS POSITIONS AND MAKES IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR GUATEMALA TO SETTLE FOR WHAT IT MUST SETTLE FOR, I.E., SUBSTANTIALLY LESS THAN ALL OF BELIZE. WE ASKED WHETHER THIS WASN'T ALREADY THE CASE, WITH STATEMENTS BY PRICE
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FORCING EQUALLY HARD-LINE RESPONSES BY MOLINA. SANCHEZ

SAID STATEMENTS MADE LOCALLY DID NOT HAVE "WRITTEN IN STONE" CHARACTER OF STATEMENTS MADE AT UN.

3. ASKED WHETHER UK-Guatemalan TALKS HAD NOT FAILED OR AT LEAST STAGNATED, SANCHEZ REJECTED EITHER CHARACTERIZATION, SAYING UK HAD SUGGESTED NEXT MEETING BE HELD AFTER FIRST OF YEAR. GUATEMALAN NEGOTIATORS SAID THEY HOPED UK WOULD HAVE PROPOSAL TO PRESENT AT THAT TIME, INSTEAD OF SIMPLY WAITING FOR GUATEMALA TO MAKE PROPOSALS. SANCHEZ SAID FONOFF HAD SEEN BRITISH AGAIN "LAST WEEK" SPECIFICALLY FOR PURPOSE OF ASKING THEM TO KEEP DOOR OPEN FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. (AT SEPARATE POINT IN CONVERSATION SANCHEZ MENTIONED HE HAS BEEN IN US IN RECENT DAYS, WHICH SUGGESTS HE WENT TO NEW YORK AND SAW RICHARD OR SOME OTHER MEMBER OF BRITISH UN DELEGATION.)

4. AT NO POINT DID SANCHEZ SUGGEST OR HINT AT ANY KIND OF GUATEMALAN MILITARY ACTION AGAINST BELIZE. WE WOULD NOT, OF COURSE, HAVE EXPECTED HIM TO.

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